

Reefat beats defending Asian junior champ

By M I Khan Tojo

National champion Reefat-Bin-Sattar sparked in the under-20 category of the Asian Junior chess championship in Doha, Qatar yesterday.

The Bangladeshi FIDE Master defeated last year's champion International Master Supindra of Indonesia in a thrilling encounter to take his points tally to three at the end of the fourth round.

Reefat began his campaign in this tournament on a winning note by beating Iranian Mohsen Gorbani in his opening match.

The early success was followed by a defeat in the second round at the hands of Ranaol of the Philippines.

Reefat redeemed his position by winning his third round match against Bobby of Indonesia.

Three International Masters and as many FIDE Masters are taking part in the under-20 championship.

V Tkachev of Kazakhstan and Hendra of Indonesia were jointly leading the points table with three points from three matches each.

The fourth round matches of these two players were in progress when the faxed message was received in Dhaka last night.

National sub-junior champion Shawkat Hussain Pallab had collected two points at the end of the fourth round in the under-16 category of Asian competition.

Pallab drew with Gafour of Qatar in the fourth round following his drawn encounter with Roustem of Uzbekistan in the third round.

Pallab won his first round match against Mazdek Bakhtiyari of Iran but lost to Curtis of Australia in the second round.

Faruk of Kazakhstan was heading the points table with four points from as many outings.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Dhaka WASA and East End Club won their respective matches of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka WASA, coming from behind, beat Malibagh Abhijatrik Club by two goals to one in the day's first match.

Rezaul Haq put Abhijatrik Club in the lead in the 20th minute.

Santash Kumar Das drew level for WASA in the 34th minute.

Santash scored the winner for WASA in the 41st minute.

Jahangir Alam of WASA and Zakir Hossain of Abhijatrik Club were cautioned with the yellow cards.

East End Club beat East Bengal Club by a solitary goal in the day's second match.

Noor-e-Alam Bachchu got the decider in the 52nd minute.

Mansur Ali of East End and Raquibuddin of East Bengal were booked by the referee.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Chalantika KC vs Lalbagh SC (3 pm: Dhaka Stadium).

Shantinagar Club vs Rayerbazar AC (4:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium).

Cricket coaching camp begins

Sports Reporter

A month-long coaching programme for the Pakistan-bound national cricket team got underway at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh will take part in the fourth Asia Cup cricket tournament, scheduled to be held in Pakistan from October 16 to 23.

Altat Hossain, a veteran coach inaugurated the coaching camp participated by 24 out of primarily selected 27 players on the first day.

The three omissions were, Abahani skipper Farouque Ahmed, Nasir Ahmed of Greater Mymensingh Club and Saidul Anam Effic of Abahani.

Farouque could not attend because of his Masters exams while the reason for the absence of the others could not be ascertained.

The 24 who took part in the camp were Minhazul Abedin Nannu, GM Nawsher Prince, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Akram Khan, Ather Ali Khan, Azhar Hossain Shantu, Zahid Razzak Masum, Enamul Haq Moni, Jahangir Alam, Saiful Islam, Mabubur Rahman Selim, Selim Shaheed, Shah Nawaz Shaheed, Nurul Abedin Nobel, Rahman Abu Hamid Piyal, Anisur Rahman, Zakir Hussain, Sharfuddinul Islam Shaheed, Saikat, Javed Belim Golla, Habibul Bashar Suman, Zakaria, Khaled Mahmud Sultan and Barooah.

The camp begins today at 7.30 am, at the Dhaka Stadium.

Shri Lanka clinch one-day series



COLOMBO, Sept 4: Shri Lanka clinched their one-day series against Australia by scoring a gripping five-wicket win with seven balls to spare in their second one-day international at the Khetarama Stadium here Friday, reports AFP.

Opener Chandika Hathurusinghe hit an unbeaten 52 and vice-captain Aravinda de Silva a stylish 63 to steer the home side to the revised victory target of 191.

Under limited over regulations, six overs were reduced because of a 25-minute rain stoppage and the original target of 217 in 50 overs was cut down to 191 in 44 overs. Shri Lanka made 194 for five in 42.5 overs.

Shri Lanka, who won the first one-day game by four wickets, now have an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. The final one-day international will be a day-night encounter at the same venue Saturday.

Shri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga had no hesitation in asking Australia to bat after winning the toss from Australian skipper Allan Border for a fourth consecutive time.

De Silva, who hit a magnificent 105 in the first match, once again bolstered the batting after Shri Lanka lost two wickets for six runs following a grand 71-run opening wicket stand between Roshan Mahanama (33) and Hathurusinghe.

Hathurusinghe grabbed the man-of-the-match award by finishing the match in dramatic fashion. The right-hander who had retired hurt on 48 due to a cramp in his right leg came back when De Silva was fifth out with the score on 190.

Hathurusinghe lofted the first ball he faced from off-

spinner Greg Matthews to the long-on boundary to bring Shri Lanka victory and also his half-century which included six fours.

De Silva chipped in with an attractive 63 off 61 balls before he was out trying to go for a big hit off Matthews and was held at backward point by Mike Whitney.



C HATHURUSINGHE man-of-the-match

De Silva was involved in two partnerships for the third wicket. He first put on 45 runs with Hathurusinghe who then retired hurt with the score on 122 for 2, and then added 50 runs with Ranatunga (22).

Earlier Dean Jones hit an unbeaten 59 to help Australia reach a modest 216 for seven in the allotted 50 overs. Shri Lanka succeeded in restricting the Australians to this figure due to tight bowling backed by excellent fielding.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in second one-day international between Australia and Shri Lanka at the Khetarama Stadium here Friday:

AUSTRALIA:
Tom Moody c Tillekeratne b Guruntha 17
Mark Taylor run out 30

Dean Jones not out 59
David Boon run out 35
Mark Waugh lbw Ramanayake 10
Allan Border c Kalpage b Ramanayake 30
Greg Matthews c Tillekeratne b Wickeremasinghe 1
Ian Healy run out 6
Craig McDermott not out 1
Extras: (b1, lb15, nb8, w3) 27
Total: (for 7 wks in 50 overs) 216
Fall of wickets: 1-56; 2-65; 3-127; 4-149; 5-194; 6-197; 7-207.

Bowling:
C Ramanayake 10 0 43 2
P Wickremasinghe 10 0 40 1
C Hathurusinghe 10 1 34 0
A Guruntha 4 1 21 1
A Ranatunga 3 1 11 0
D Anurasiri 5 0 20 0
R Kalpage 8 0 31 0

Did not bat: Tony Dodemaide, Mike Whitney.

SHRI LANKA:
R Mahanama run out 33
C Hathurusinghe not out 52
A Guruntha lbw Dodemaide 04
A de Silva c Whitney b Matthews 63
b Matthews 22
S Jayasuriya b McDermott 02
H Tillekeratne not out 02
Extras: (b2, lb7, nb3, w4) 16
Total: (for 5 wks in 42.5 overs) 194
Fall of wickets: 1-71; 2-77; 3-172; 4-176; 5-190

Bowling:
C McDermott 9 0 44 1
M Whitney 7 0 27 0
T Dodemaide 10 1 39 1
T Moody 9 0 35 0
G Matthews 6.5 0 34 2
M Waugh 1 0 6 0

Did not bat: Ruwan Kalpage, Champaka Ramanayake, Pramodaya Wickremasinghe, Don Anurasiri.

Man-of-the-match: Chandika Hathurusinghe
Result: Shri Lanka won by 5 wickets.

Essex retain county title in style



LONDON, Sept 4: Essex retained the English county cricket championship in style on Thursday with an eight-wicket win over Hampshire, reports Reuters.

Set 165 to win on the final day of the four-day match at Chelmsford, Essex nerves were set jangling after they lost two wickets, including that of England captain Graham Gooch, with only 32 runs on the board.

Opener John Stephenson and Paul Prichard ensured there were no further problems as they knocked off the required runs, Stephenson ending with 83 and Prichard 55.

It was Essex's sixth championship and their 11th major trophy in 14 years.

Dogged batting by Hampshire's tailenders had earlier kept Essex waiting after they took their overnight 181 for eight to 229 with Adrian Aynes last man out for a defiant, four-hour 65.

Left-arm spinner Ian Turner made sure Essex had no easy passage to the title when he removed Gooch and Jonathan Lewis but Stephenson and Prichard

steadied the innings. Stephenson reached both his fifty and posted the 100 with straight sixes off Turner and Essex clinched the championship when Stephenson cut Robin Smith for a single to wrap up victory.

The title win capped a remarkable 14 years for Essex during which they have been led by the combined talents of Gooch and coach Keith Fletcher—now united as England's captain and team manager for the forthcoming tour of India.

It was the sixth championship triumph for Essex since their first-ever success in 1979.

Added to those titles are three Sunday League wins in 1981, 1984 and 1985, plus three other one-day tournament wins in 1979, 1985 and 1989.

Gooch took over the Essex captaincy from Fletcher in 1986, but stood down for one

season in 1988 when Fletcher again took command.

The two men now have three championship victories each as captain—Fletcher in 1979, 1983 and 1984 and Gooch in 1986, 1991 and 1992.

Between them, they have given 47 years of playing services to Essex and monopolised the county's only successes in their 116-year-history.

Fletcher, who has captained the county's second XI since retiring from first-class cricket in 1988, officially leaves the county's payroll at the end of this season to take over his new England duties after 30 years on the staff.

He made his Essex debut in 1962 and was captain from 1974 until 1985, winning eight titles before retiring.

Gooch, whose Essex debut was in 1973, has now won four trophies in his six seasons in charge.

POINTS TABLE

English county championship table after Thursday's results (played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, totals):

	P	W	L	D	BP	BOP	T
Essex(1)	20	10	5	5	60	58	278
Kent(6)	20	8	2	10	54	47	229
Northamptonshire(10)	21	7	4	10	58	55	225
Derbyshire(3)	20	7	4	9	45	55	212
Leicestershire(16)	21	7	6	8	36	57	205
Nottinghamshire(4)	20	6	6	8	48	53	197
Middlesex(15)	20	5	2	13	57	56	193
Warwickshire(2)	20	5	7	8	48	63	191
Surrey(5)	20	5	6	9	54	47	181
Gloucestershire(13)	21	5	6	10	45	54	179
Hampshire(9)	21	4	6	11	59	54	177
Sussex(11)	20	4	7	9	53	53	170
Yorkshire(14)	21	4	5	12	54	52	170
Lancashire(8)	20	3	5	12	68	46	162
Worcestershire(7)	21	3	4	14	52	61	161
Somerset(17)	20	3	4	13	56	54	158
Glamorgan(12)	20	3	4	13	48	45	141
Durham(0)	20	2	8	10	40	50	122

Last year's positions in brackets.

Clive Rice to play for Natal

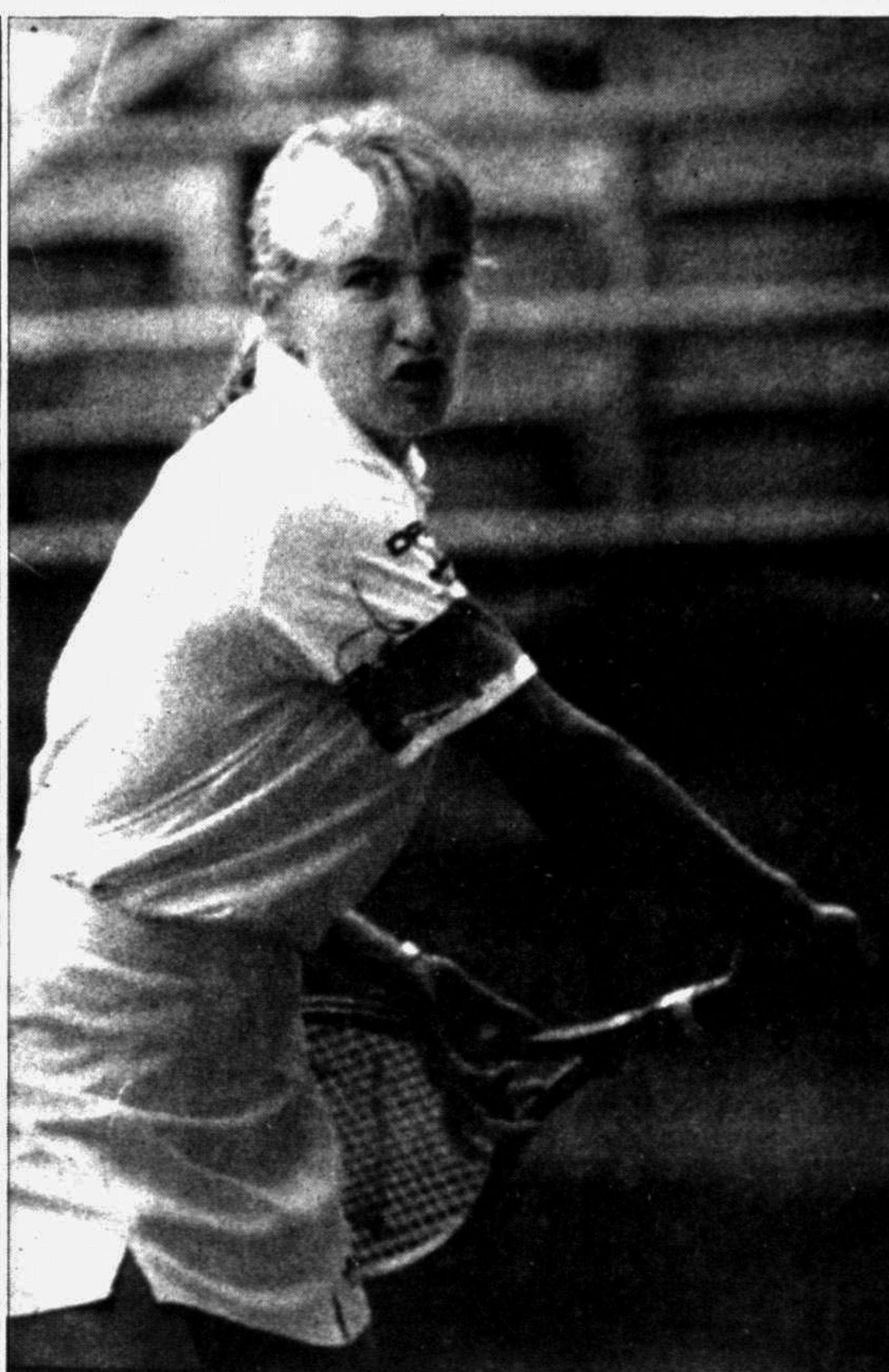
JOHANNESBURG, Sept 4: Former South African cricket captain Clive Rice, replaced by Jimmy Cook as Transvaal captain, will play for Natal this season, reports Reuters.

Rice, 43, captained South Africa on their return to international cricket in India last November but was dropped for the World Cup this year.

"There is a new challenge here," Rice said. "There's still a lot of cricket in me."



Former national coach Altat Hossain inaugurated a month-long coaching camp for the Pakistan-bound national cricket team for the Asia Cup at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



Steffi Graf of Germany, second seed and this year's Wimbledon champion, about to make a backhand return to American Pam Shriver in their second-round match of the women's singles of the US Open at Flushing Meadow on Thursday. Graf won 7-5, 6-3. — AFP photo

Inzamam innings sinks India in Muscat day-nighter



MUSCAT, Sept 4: Indian teenage prodigy Sachin Tendulkar's quickfire 84 runs were not enough to stop the Pakistani team beating them by 21 runs in the first-ever day-night international cricket match played here late Thursday, reports AP.

Inzamamul Haq had set the packed 26,000-seat stadium alight with six sixes and 10 fours for 119 runs in 100 balls.

The match between Indian and Pakistani teams showed the youngsters delighting the cricket fans of the Sultanate. A veteran disappointed them.

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Azharuddin and another veteran Mudassar Nazar took his place.

Miandad, who retired after facing five balls, came back at the end of the Pakistani innings.

But he threw away his wicket without any effort, and to make things worse did not field at all.

At his insistence, the match was reduced to 45 overs from 50. Apparently, he wanted it to be cut to 40 overs as the Pakistani players had arrived in Oman from London only the morning of the same day.

A spokesman for the organisers described his behaviour as "arrogant."

However, the Indian veteran Sunil Gavaskar played a superb second fiddle to Tendulkar, who at 17, is 24 years his junior. They added 65 runs in eight overs. Gavaskar also ran his doubles and singles without any signs of age and despite the sweltering heat.

Scores:
Pakistani XI: 247 all out, in 42.5 overs (Inzamamul Haq 119, Salim Malik 40, Javagal Srinath 4-44), beat Indian XI 226 for 9 in 44.3 overs (K Srikkanth 35, Sanjay Manjrekar 25, Sachin Tendulkar 84, Sunil Gavaskar 22, Waqar Younis 5-25).

Ravi Shastri of India did not bat after pulling a hip muscle while fielding.

BCCI to study Gower's book



NEW DELHI, Sept 4: English cricketer David Gower may have won few friends in India by accusing Indian bowlers of ball-doctoring.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is ordering a copy of the book to read Gower's comments first hand before deciding what action to take on the controversy. BCCI secretary C Nagaraj was quoted as saying Thursday.

Nagaraj told the Press Trust of India in the southern city of Bangalore that the BCCI's working committee will meet after "making an in-depth study of the comments" and take a decision.

Indian cricket authorities will also ask England's Test and County Cricket Board for a clarification on the remarks published ahead of England's tour of India early next year, Nagaraj said. No apology will be sought from Gower.

Gower wrote in the book that Indian bowlers had been guilty of "some surreptitious scuffing-up on one side of the ball" to make it wobble at the drawn 1990 Oval match, the last of three Tests.

This was quickly snuffed out by umpire Nigel Plevin, he wrote, dragging Indian bowlers

into an ugly controversy over alleged ball-doctoring by Pakistani pace bowlers Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram on their just-ended tour of England.

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Meanwhile, another AFP report from London says: Indian Test cricketers seeking contracts with English club sides next season are likely to miss out.

The League Cricket Conference (LCC) are to discuss a boycott of Indian professionals later this month after spinner Maninder Singh, who was contracted to northern league side Fleetwood, and paceman Atul Wassan, who was with Heaton in the Bolton league, went home early.

Both handed their clubs sick notes signed by the same Huddersfield doctor, but then reported fit for North Zone's opening match in the Duleep Trophy.

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TCCB determined to host 1995 World Cup

LONDON, Sept 4: England have hit back in their battle with South Africa to stage cricket's next World Cup in 1995, reports AFP.

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) were shocked in July when the republic refused to accept an earlier agreement which would have guaranteed England hosting rights on a rota basis, subject to a satisfactory financial package.

But TCCB chief executive Alan Smith attempted to steal a march on the South Africans on Thursday by announcing that they already have three major companies interested in sponsoring the 12-team tournament.

He also underlined England's experience at holding the sport's highlight as the International Cricket Council (ICC) prepare to consider bids, which must be submitted by December 1.

"We are very keen to host the competition again and are determined our bid to stage it will be acceptable," said Smith.

"We have a great deal of experience in managing events of this stature, having hosted the World Cup competitions of 1975, '79 and '83."

"We have a good geographical spread of county and Test Grounds with excellent facilities, and transportation is easy, enabling us to schedule the whole event in a period of four weeks."